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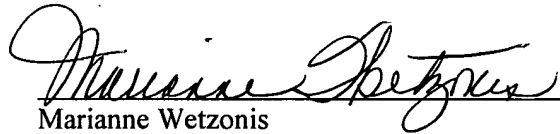
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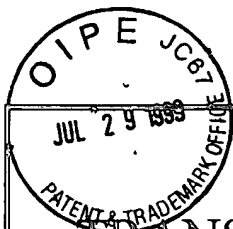
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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.97, Applicants hereby make of record the references listed on the accompanying Form PTO-1449 for consideration by the Examiner in connection with the examination of the above-identified patent application. Copies of the references are enclosed. Reference CE is in German, but its relevance is understood to be as indicated in reference CA, meaning CE is understood to define the general state of the art and is not considered to be of particular relevance.

REMARKS

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.97, this statement is being filed (CHECK ONE):

- ☒ (1) within three (3) months of the **Filing Date** or before the mailing date of the **First Office Action** on the merits; or
- ☐ (2) after the period defined in (1) but before the mailing date of a **Final Rejection** or **Notice of Allowance**, and
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- ☐ (3) after the mailing date of a **Final Rejection** or **Notice of Allowance** but before the payment of the **Issue Fee**, **AND**
- ☐ Applicant hereby Petitions the Commissioner to accept and consider the attached Information Disclosure Statement, **AND**
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It is respectfully requested that each of the references shown on the attached Form PTO-1449 be made of record in this application.

STATEMENT

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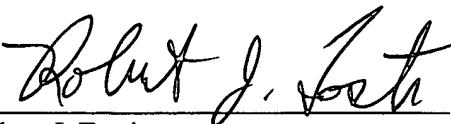
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